Agreements in Power Sector with U.S.

4065. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : SHRI CM. IBRAHIM : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state ;

(a) whether it is a fact that some agreements were signed between India and U.S. in power sector recently during U.S. President's visit;

(b) what will be the capacity addition of power generation; and

(c) what will be the cost of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes. Sir. A Joint Statement on co-operation in Energy and Emironment between India and United States of America was signed at Agra on 22-3-2000. The main objective of the Joint Statement is to intensify further cooperation in the fields of clean energy and emironment protection.

(b) The Joint Statement envisages research, development, demonstration
and transfers of clean energv' and collaborati\e efforts in renewable encrgy' technologies and for improving efficiency in production and consumption of cnergy from comentional resources. There is no specific provision for capacity
addition of power generation.

(c) Does not arise.

Agreement between NTPC and Pipavav Port

4066. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the NTPC entered into an agreement with the Pipavav Port for a joint venture; and

(b) if so. The details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEFITA) : (a) and (b) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is not negotiating any joint venture agreement with Pipa\a\ Port. However. NTPC is negotiating a joint vcnture agreement with Sea King InfTastnicture Limited (SKIL) and British Gas (BG) for creating rc-gasification terminal at Pipavav Port. The proposed equity structure of the joint venture is based on the concept of 50% equity holding by private sector shareholders and